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Via email: [76973-85510360@requests.muckrock.com](mailto:76973-85510360@requests.muckrock.com)

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Dear Ms. Rock:

On July 10, 2019, you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

- All communications and memos between April 1 2019 and today, regarding “A Federal Strategy to Ensure Secure and Reliable Supplies of Critical Minerals.”
- All communications, dated between January 1 2019 and today, containing the non-case sensitive phrases “critical minerals” AND “climate change” OR “renewable energy.”

Your request was received in the Office of the Secretary FOIA office on July 11, 2019, and assigned control number **OS-2019-01070**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request. We are asking for a clarification regarding which specific office(s) and people within DOI you would like to be searched.

Please contact me using any of the contacts methods listed below as quickly as possible.

According to our regulations, if we do not receive your written response clarifying these points **within 20 workdays** from the date of this letter, we will presume that you are no longer interested in pursuing your request, we will not be able to comply with your request, and we will close our file on it. [See 43 C.F.R. § 2.51\(c\)](#).

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In the interim, if you have any questions regarding the status of your request, or any of the issues discussed in this letter, you may contact Cindy Sweeney by phone at 202-513-0765, by fax at 202-219-2374, by e-mail at [os\\_foia@ios.doi.gov](mailto:os_foia@ios.doi.gov) or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C St, N.W., MS-7328 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240.

You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Clarice Julka.

Sincerely,

Clarice Julka  
Office of the Secretary  
FOIA Officer